by the Government. The required information can be had soon after the Survey is over.

Net-income of ryots.

232. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the above question (Q. No. 231) will the Government be pleased to state what a ryot could save from it as net-income after paying off the cost of cultivation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 231.

Communal representation for appointment as Heads of Departments.

233. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the table a statement, containing the information :—

(a) how many Heads of Departments there were (i) on the date of the Inaugural meeting of the first Legislative Council; and (ii) in the beginning of 1933;

(b) how many of them were (i) caste Hindus, (ii) non-caste Hindus, (iii) Christians, (iv) Muslims and (v) Jews, on the aforesaid dates;

(c) what steps were taken by the Government in the intervening period referred to above to give adequate representation to communities which are not adequately represented in the service as Heads of Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (i) 23.
(ii) 25.

(b)

	On the date of the Inaugural meeting.	* At the beginning of 1933.
i. Caste Hindus	13	18
ii. Non-caste Hindus	..	1
iii. Christians	9	6
iv. Muslims	1	..
v. Jews	..	..

* It includes officers acting in vacant posts.

(c) No particular action has been taken in the matter.

Fertilizers used by Government and the public.

234. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the bulk of mineral and chemical fertilizers used by the Government and the people in the State for each of the last three years;

(b) the measure of such manure required for the intensive cultivation of an acre of land provided no other kind of manure is utilised?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No statistics regarding the purchases made by the people from sources other than the Government depots are available. A list showing the quantity of the manures purchased from the Government depots is appended. (*Appendix V.*)

(b) The quantity and the kind of manure necessary for intensive cultivation depends upon the nature of the soil and the crops raised.

235. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim —With reference to questions numbers 231 and 232 of the admitted list for the next session, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the land of such ryots was generally bought on borrowed capital?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government have no information.

Net-income of ryots.

236. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the above question, will the Government be pleased to state what an average ryot could save from it as net-income, after paying off the usual interest charges?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 231.

Agricultural indebtedness—solution for.

237. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—With reference to the above question, will the Government be pleased to state how they intend to solve our Agricultural Indebtedness?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The extent of the agricultural indebtedness of our ryots can be ascertained only after the economic survey of the State is completed. The question will be considered in the light of the report received in the matter from the Superintendent of Economic Survey.

Provision for road against fire accidents.

238. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to question No. 145, dated 2nd December 1932:—

(a) whether the road which the Government had admitted to be necessary for the protection of women and children when fire breaks out in the bazaar will be provided for in the budget for the next year;

(b) whether the Director of Public Health has provided for the above work in his budget proposals for 1109; and if so;

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